

Surpass®

(1% diclofenac sodium)

Topical Anti-Inflammatory Cream

For Use in Horses

This summary contains important information about Surpass® topical cream. You should read this information before treating your horse with Surpass cream. This sheet of information is provided only as a summary and does not take the place of instructions from your veterinarian. Talk to your veterinarian if you have any questions about this information or to learn more about Surpass topical cream.

1. What is Surpass topical cream?

Surpass topical cream contains 1% diclofenac sodium. Diclofenac is a prescription non-narcotic, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) that controls pain. Diclofenac is used for the control of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis (OA) in hock, knee, fetlock or pastern joints in horses.

2. What kind of results can I expect when my horse is being treated with Surpass cream?

Osteoarthritis is a painful condition caused by the progressive deterioration of the cartilage, accompanied by changes in the bone and soft tissues of the joint. This disease is characterized by pain and loss of function of the affected joint.

While Surpass topical cream is not a cure for osteoarthritis, it does control the pain and inflammation associated with OA and increases the horse's mobility. The response to Surpass cream

will vary from horse to horse. In most horses, maximum improvement is seen in less than one week.

3. Which horses should not receive treatment with Surpass topical cream?

Surpass cream is for topical use in horses only. Surpass cream should not be used in horses exhibiting allergic reactions to diclofenac. Surpass topical cream is not for horses intended for human consumption. The safety of Surpass cream has not been determined in horses less than one year of age, in horses used for breeding, pregnant mares, or mares nursing foals.

4. How do I apply Surpass topical cream to my horse?

Wear gloves to prevent absorption into the hands. Direct contact with the skin should be avoided. If contact occurs, the skin should be washed immediately with soap and water. Apply a five-inch (5") ribbon of Surpass cream twice daily over the affected joint for up to ten days. Rub it thoroughly into the hair covering the joint until it disappears.

5. What should I tell my veterinarian?

Tell your veterinarian if your horse has experienced allergic reactions to diclofenac or other medications. Tell your veterinarian if your horse is pregnant or nursing a foal, or if you intend to breed the horse. Tell your veterinarian if your horse has ever been diagnosed with an ulcer.

6. What possible side effects may occur in my horse's therapy?

Horses should undergo a thorough history and physical examination by a veterinarian before the initiation of any Surpass therapy. Using more than the recommended amount of Surpass topical cream (for example, by treating multiple joints) has not been tested and is not recommended. Excessive doses to the skin have been shown to enter the bloodstream and this may increase the risk of side effects. Adverse reactions associated with NSAIDs may include: weight loss, colic, diarrhea, or yellowing of the gums, skin, or whites of the eyes (jaundice). Serious adverse reactions associated with this drug class can occur without warning and, in rare situations, result in death. Discontinue the use of Surpass cream and contact your veterinarian immediately if these signs are observed. The majority of patients with drug-related adverse reactions recover when the signs are recognized, drug administration is stopped, and veterinary care, if appropriate, is initiated.

7. What precautions should I take before administering Surpass topical cream?

Wear gloves to prevent absorption into the hands. Direct contact with the skin should be avoided. If contact occurs, the skin should be washed immediately with soap and water.

Surpass topical cream should only be applied to horses. Keep Surpass cream and all medications out of the reach of children. Surpass cream is not for human use. Contact a physician in case of accidental ingestion by people.

8. Can Surpass topical cream be given with other medications?

Surpass cream should not be given with any other anti-inflammatory drugs, such as other NSAIDs (for example, aspirin, phenylbutazone, flunixin) and corticosteroids (for example,

cortisone, prednisone, dexamethasone, triamcinolone). Tell your veterinarian about all medicines that you are planning to administer in addition to Surpass cream. These should include other medications that you can obtain without a prescription.

9. How should I store Surpass topical cream?

Store at up to 25°C (77°F). Protect from freezing. Keep Surpass cream and all medications out of reach of children.

10. What else should I know about Surpass topical cream?

This document provides a summary of information about Surpass topical cream. If you have questions or concerns about Surpass cream or osteoarthritis pain, talk to your veterinarian.

As with all prescription medications, Surpass cream should only be administered to the patient for whom it was prescribed, and should only be used as prescribed.

To report a suspected adverse reaction, call 1-866-638-2226.

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